

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2013
7:15 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order.

Flag Salute, Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members: Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present

Mayor Kelly-present

Councilman Carrick-absent

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the July 16, 2013 Executive, Public and Closed Session minutes:

Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Stylianou-abstained

Mayor Kelly administered the Oath of Office to Michael Kuhn, the new member of the Shade Tree Commission.

Administrator's Report

The generator has been delivered to the DPW.

The curbing for the Depew Street project will begin August 26th. The paving will be done the week of November 4th since school will be closed for part of that week.

Mr. Perkins attended a seminar at which representatives of FEMA were present. They said they would come and discuss flood maps and flood insurance with Dumont residents who are affected.

He, Chief Faulborn, Lt. Conner and Lt. McKeary have met with the Board of Education regarding drop-off areas at the high school. Signs will be posted on Dixon and Veterans Plaza regarding the new drop-off area. There will no parking on the north side of Dixon between 7AM and 4PM on school days. This will also alleviate problems with residents not being able to get in and out of their driveway. New signs and dropped curbs have been installed on New Milford Avenue to allow safe crossing for students.

A free shredding program will be offered September 14th from 8:30-12. The Borough will receive credit for the paper.

Mr. Perkins identified three Borough ordinances with unexpended funds, totaling \$250,555. Using this money to pave roads will be discussed by the Council.

Overnight parking on West Shore Avenue with certain restrictions will also be discussed.

The Police Department is addressing quality of life issues with regards to high grass and garbage being put out way in advance. They are supplying information to property maintenance in the Building Department, which is addressing these issues.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Brophy

Shade Tree Commission

Welcome to Michael Kuhn, the new commissioner.

The gazebo at West Shore is up. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for September 15th at 6PM. All are welcome to attend.

Ordinance #1455 was discussed during the Executive Meeting. The Councilman understands Councilman Hayes views but supports the ordinance.

- Councilman Hayes

Joint Land Use Board

At the July 30th meeting a previously granted variance for parking at the Dumont Terrace apartments was revised. This revised plan which added another 100 parking spots and would alleviate on-the-street parking issues was approved.

Ethics Board

Two people have applied to fill the vacancy on the Board.

Rent Leveling Board

The next meeting will be held next month.

- Councilman Riquelme

DPW

In July twelve sewer jobs were done and 433 total miles swept. Crosswalks have been painted and debris removed from the brook.

Library

There is no meeting this month.

- Councilman Stylianou

5K Run

The Run will take place August 31st at 8AM. Registration will begin at 7AM. There will be pre-registration August 29th at 6PM. The primary recipient of the proceeds will be Dumont high school senior Eric VanValen. He is successfully waging a battle against a rare brain disease. As of today there are about seventy sponsors, which exceeds last year. This includes ShopRite of Hillsdale, which will supply apples, bananas, oranges and bagels thanks to Dumont resident Denise Gitto. Many sports teams will be participating. Former New York Giant Steven Baker will also be present. Thanks to council members Riquelme and Zamechansky for helping run this event.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

The Councilwoman attended the August Department Head meeting. One of the issues brought up was residents putting their garbage out prior to 5PM the day before pickup.

Residents can be issued violations according to the Borough ordinance. Hopefully, if this problem is rectified it will solve some of the quality of life issues in town.

She met with T&M Engineers and the Borough Administrator to walk some of the areas which are still having problems with Phase II of the flood project. There was a meeting with T&M and the contractor Tomco a few days later.

Celebrations

Councilwoman Zamechansky met with Fire, Police, Ambulance, DPW and Building Department regarding the 5K Run and Dumont Day. Charles Street between E. Linden and Hamilton will be designated for handicapped parking on Dumont Day. Mariner's Bank is again sponsoring the Dumont Day concert.

Mayor's Report

No report

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#13-153 Bills List *

#13-154 Capital Budget Amendment-Various Park Improvements, Hockey Rink Paving *

#13-155 Tax Grace Period-August 16, 2013 *

#13-156 Rescind Capital Budget Amendment Resolution #13-148-Hockey Rink *

#13-157 COAH-Non-fair and Open Award of Contract to Maser Consulting-not to exceed \$15,000 *

#13-158 Troy Hilcken-Hire as Police Department Dispatcher-\$27,000 starting salary *

#13-159 DPW Dump Truck-Authorization to Advertise for Bids *

#13-160 DPW Wheel Loader-Authorization to advertise for Bids *

#13-161 Approval of Replacement of Dump Body on DPW Truck 239, State Contract-\$20,350.00 *

#13-162 Approval of Purchase of Ford F-250 Pickup, MCCPC Contract-\$31,630.00 *

#13-163 Approval of Purchase of Coring Tine Aerator, Bergen County Co-op-\$7,625.15 *

#13-164 Certification of the 2012 Audit *

#13-165 Purchase of Passenger Bus for Transportation of Seniors, Bergen County Co-op-\$68,000 *

#13-166 Approval of Block Party on Margaret Court August 31, 2013 *

#13-167 Gillian Menezes-Appointment to Fill the Vacancy on the Board of Health *

There were no comments from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda items: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

#1462 Ordinance Amending Chapter 21, Section 5 Traffic and Parking of the Dumont Code-Dixon Avenue

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Mary Ann Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, asked who initiated the “no parking”. She is concerned that “no parking” on Dixon will push the cars to other streets. Residents should be able to park on any street in Dumont.

Mayor Kelly responded that this was done for the safety of the students. He pointed out that there is one side of the street parking on Dixon.

Motion to close: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

First Reading

#1455 Ordinance Amending Shade Tree Chapter 344-of the Borough Code- Requirement of Permits (previously tabled)

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Councilman Hayes was assured that his comments during the Executive meeting will be recorded in those minutes.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Hayes- no

#1463 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 283, Article 3 of Borough of Dumont Code-Lightning Detection

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Councilman Hayes said he didn’t have a chance to read this ordinance.

Councilwoman Zamechansky feels it is important to fine people for not adhering to this ordinance but it should be spelled out who would be fined.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Hayes-abstained

#1464 Capital Ordinance Appropriating the Sum of \$112,561 for Various Park Improvements in and by the Borough of Dumont and to Appropriate \$112,561 from a Bergen County Open Space Grant

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Councilman Hayes wanted confirmation that this money is from a grant we already had. Mr. Perkins confirmed that it is and can be used for park improvements and the hockey rink.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

1. Larry Tobias, 176 W. Madison Avenue, had emailed Councilwoman Zamechansky regarding the parking problem for handicapped drivers on Dumont Day. He thanked her for responding and providing handicapped parking for the event.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk